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TAGS: MILI, OCLR, GR

SUBJECT: CARRIER AIR OPERATIONS

REFS: (A) CINCUSNAVEUR 031609Z SEP 74. (B) CINCUSNAVEUR  
031800Z SEP 74 (PASEP). (C) USCINCEUR 032337Z SEP 74  
(PASEP).

1. IN REF A, USDAO ATHENS QUOTED A LETTER FROM HAF  
CONCERNING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF ATHINAI FIR BY  
SIXTHFLT AIRCRAFT. IN REF B, CINCUSNAVEUR STATED  
INCOMPATIBILITY OF GREEK DEMANDS WITH SIXTHFLT  
OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND REQUESTED GOVERNMENT TO  
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GOVERNMENT CONTACT TO CORRECT THE PROBLEM. IN REF C,

USCINCEUR CONCURRED WITH REF B AND REQUESTED SUCH ACTION AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE TO CLEARLY ESTABLISH US POSITION FOR FLIGHTS IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

2. RECOGNIZING THE SENSITIVITY OF GREEKS ON THIS AND RELATED FLIGHT CLEARANCE MATTERS, THE FOLLOWING POINTS ARE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION AND USE AT YOUR DISCRETION.

3. THE ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN AREA IS COMPOSED OF FIR'S AND TO SUBMIT TO RESTRICTIONS IN ANY GIVEN FIR COULD LEAD EVENTUALLY TO RESTRICTIONS IN OTHERS THAT COULD

SEVERELY LIMIT SIXTHFLT OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE AND IT HAS LONG RANGE IMPLICATIONS INIMICAL TO THE DEFENSE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

4. SIXTH FLEET OPERATIONAL FLIGHTS, ALTHOUGH CONDUCTED IN AN FIR, DO NOT ENTER NATIONAL AIRSPACE. THEY REMAIN IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND THEREFORE DO NOT REQUIRE PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO, COORDINATION WITH OR CONSENT OF THE AUTHORITY ADMINISTERING THE FIR. DUE TO THE NATURE OF CARRIER AIR OPERATIONS, IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO FILE ICAO FLIGHT PLANS FOR EACH AIRCRAFT.

5. SHOULD YOU DESIRE TO DO SO, YOU MAY ASSURE GOG THAT THE FLIGHTS ARE UNDER RADAR CONTROL OF THE CARRIER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SAFE SEPARATION, AVOID NATIONAL AIRSPACE AND ADHERE TO SAFETY OF FLIGHT PROCEDURES AS RELATED TO ESTABLISHED AIRWAYS. FURTHER, US MILITARY AIRCREWS ARE UNDER STANDING INSTRUCTIONS TO SCRUPULOUSLY AVOID ANY ACTIONS THAT WOULD IN ANY WAY ENDANGER AIR OR SEA TRAFFIC.

6. WE BELIEVE THAT SUCH PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES WILL, AS IN THE PAST, ENSURE THAT SIXTH FLEET AIR OPERATIONS DO NOT CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR GREEK AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL. KISSINGER

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